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Annual Convention and Oratorical Contest of the Ky. I. P. A. to be Held in Richmond.

One of the most significant of recent movements in the interest of prohibition has been the organization of the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association. The progress of the movement in some of the states within the last few years has been rapid and attended by definite and positive results. Three years ago the work was started in Kentucky and the idea is taking fast hold and awakening much enthusiasm among the men and women of the colleges. As yet, few people outside of the college, have had opportunity to become familiar with the movement or to see its practical possibilities. We shall state briefly a few things in general concerning the organization and the work, it is doing. It is strictly a student organization, the purpose of which is to enlist the interest of the men and women of the colleges in a fair and systematic study of the fundamentals involved in the question of the liquor problem.

Territory is organized by states, the work in each state being carried on under the direction of a State Executive Committee. The national head, located at the city of Chicago, is kept in close touch with the local organizations through the traveling secretaries who visit each league at least once a year and make the arrangements for the annual state conventions. To-day organizations have been effected in twenty-three different states with local leagues in 170 colleges and universities aggregating a total membership of possibly over 4,000. Six schools have been organized in Kentucky, namely: Georgetown College, Transylvania University, Asbury Col-

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lege, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Eastern Kentucky State School, and Berea College. Interest in the question of Prohibition is promoted among the students; first, by the organization of study classes and the use of such literature and periodicals as are regularly furnished each member of the league; second, by encouraging free discussion among the students by means of questions suggested for debate; and third, by arranging by weekly or monthly program upon which are placed strong speakers, usually professional men of the town, for addresses on different phases of the question.

One of the most interesting features of the work is the arrangement for an annual series of oratorical contests. This idea is most effective in encouraging thorough study and investigation in preparation of the original orations the subject of which must always be on some phase of the liquor question. These contests afford a wonderful opportunity for the development of those necessary qualifications for leadership. The significance of such a movement can not fail to be seen. It is the educated men, the men who are able to think, whose interest we must enlist in the solution of this question. "As go the colleges to day, so goes the nation tomorrow." The matter of temperance is a matter of education, and prohibition will come as soon as the people come to see all the reasons why temperance is bad. It is more than a moral or social issue that is involved in the liquor problem. Already it has become a political and economic factor that forces itself to be taken in to account, a problem which will require educated statesmen to solve.

Our great danger is that too many of our men are going out from college ignorant of its tremendous significance of this great four-fold: moral, social, economic, and political, factor that is stealthily insinuating its poisoning influence in to every phase and organization of our national life. And hence that apathetic attitude and hurtful indifference on the part of so many of them who occupy positions of influence to-day. They have come out into life and, though they may have escaped personally the curse of the drink habit, it is hard to get them to take a definite stand on the matter of temperance simply because it has never been brought to bear upon their attention sufficiently to arouse an interest in an honest investigation of the question; or, having been brought to their attention too late, they find themselves so inextricably involved in its commercial or political trammels that they will not be convinced.

What our college men need to-day is no less a knowledge of the books taught in college, but a more intelligent grasp of some of the issues which they must face when they go out from college. Most of the college men will become leaders and influential citizens in their community. They need an opportunity to set themselves right on these questions while yet untrammelled and at liberty to form their opinions unbiased by conditions affecting their trade or station. If the I. P. A. is doing anything to impose the proper responsibility on the minds of the college men; if it is doing any thing to encourage this spirit of broad minded and independent thinking among them; if it is making them, not

prohibitionists, but more intelligent citizens, does it not deserve your encouragement? The college men are open minded and unbiased by prejudice. Is it an opportunity for those who are interested in the final eradication of the liquor traffic to strike a telling blow for the future by giving this movement their support? Yes, we need your support in a most liberal sort of way. Here is how you can encourage us most:

"On the 16th of April the Annual State Convention and Oratorical Contest of the Ky. I. P. A. will be held at the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School in Richmond. You will be lending us your greatest encouragement by giving us your attendance at these meetings. Of course, you will want to come out and watch Richmond win the contest, which, by the way, means a handsome prize as well as the honor of representing Kentucky in the Grand Inter-State Contest which will be held in Syracuse, N. Y., in the latter part of April. Watch for specific announcements which will be made later.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Nordica At Lexington.

One of the world's greatest singers, Mme. Lillian Nordica, a queen of the operatic stage and the greatest Wagnerian singer in the world, will appear at the Lexington Opera House, in concert, on Monday, April 15, 1912.

Lillian Nordica has a place all her own in the hearts of the American public and she has even succeeded in conquering the narrowness and prejudices of the European capital. For there as here, she has been acclaimed as one of the world's greatest singers. It can be undisputedly said that Nordica is the most popular of all the prima donnas. To the student of music her singing is ever an inspiration, while to the casual music lover and general public it is an unalloyed source of delight.

In days to come, never to have heard Nordica will be considered as great a loss of opportunity as it is looked upon in this generation never to have heard Jenny Lind or Adeline Patti. At her concert here not only will we hear Nordica, but the program will have an additional attraction, in fact, two, in Myron W. Whitney, the eminent American basso, and Romayne Simmons, the great accompanist and pianist.

The sale of seats will open Tuesday, April 9th, all orders accompanied by a remittance will receive prompt attention. The prices will be lower floor—\$2, balcony, \$1, \$1.50, and \$2, and gallery 50 cents.

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